

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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## VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

- 4. (AMENDED) A device according to <u>Claim 1</u> any one of <u>Claims</u> 1-3, characterised in that the surface layer (50) is comprised of tombak; and in that the co-acting surface of the other part is comprised of steel.
- 5. (AMENDED) A device according to <u>Claim 1</u> any one of <u>Claims</u> 1-4, characterised in that said parts <del>(10, 20)</del> are mutually tensioned radially to establish said friction grip.
- 6. (AMENDED) A device according to <u>Claim 1</u> any one of <u>Claims</u> 1-5, characterised in that the surface layer (50) includes cavities which allow the surface layer to take a radial thickness that is smaller than the radial distance between the surface of the base and the co-acting surface (22) of said other part (20) subsequent to plasticization and/or melting of the surface layer (50) and radially relieving the parts (10, 20) of load.
- 7. (AMENDED) A device according to <u>Claim 1</u> any one of <u>Claims</u> 1-6, characterised in that the surface layers are comprised of a material whose coefficient of thermal expansion is higher than the coefficient thermal expansion of the base.